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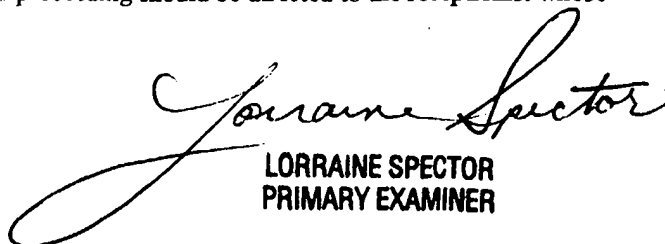
This application contains sequence disclosures that are encompassed by the definitions for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2). However, this application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 for the following reason(s): the paper and computer readable (CRF) copies are NOT the same, i.e., the paper copy has 12 sequences listed as SEQ ID NO: 1, 3A-D, 2A-D, and 4 to 6, whereas the CFR has 6 sequences listed as SEQ ID NO: 1 to 6. Additionally, SEQ ID NO:2, referred as an amino acid sequence in the present claims 1 and 3, is a nucleic acid sequence according to CRF, and there is no SEQ ID NO:2 in the paper copy, thus, it is unclear what is the claimed invention. As such, a sequence search of the prior art cannot be conducted. Applicant must comply with the requirements of the sequence rules (37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825) before the application can be examined under 35 U.S.C. §§ 131 and 132.

APPLICANT IS GIVEN 30 days FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER WITHIN WHICH TO COMPLY WITH THE SEQUENCE RULES, 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in ABANDONMENT of the application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(g). Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. In no case may an applicant extend the period for response beyond the six month statutory period. Direct the response to the undersigned. Applicant is requested to return a copy of the attached Notice to Comply with the response.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Dong Jiang whose telephone number is (703) 305-1345. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday, 9:30 to 6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler can be reached at (703) 308-6564. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-4242.

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